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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
4 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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6 Rufina Herrera,

7 Plaintiff,

8 v.

9 99 Cents Only Stores LLC d/b/a 99 Cents Only  
10 Stores, a Foreign Limited-Liability Company;  
Does I through X, inclusive, and Roe  
Corporations I through X, inclusive,

11 Defendants.  
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Case No. 2:24-cv-00358-RFB-DJA

**Order**

13 Lew Brandon, Jr., Esq. and Ryan Venci, Esq., of the Brandon | Smerber Law Firm move  
14 to withdraw as counsel of record for Defendant 99 Cents Only Stores LLC. (ECF No. 13).  
15 Counsel explains that 99 Cents Only has filed for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States  
16 Bankruptcy Code and the Plan Administrator for 99 Cents Only's Chapter 11 plan has instructed  
17 counsel to take no further action in matters they are handling. The Court finds that counsel has  
18 met the requirements of Local Rule IA 11-6(b). Additionally, no party has opposed the motion,  
19 constituting their consent to the Court granting it under Local Rule 7-2(d). So, the Court grants  
20 counsel's motion. However, because it is a corporation, 99 Cents Only must retain counsel in this  
21 action. *See Reading Intern., Inc. v. Malulani Group, Ltd.*, 814 F.3d 1046, 1053 (9th Cir. 2016)  
22 (explaining that corporations must be represented by counsel).

23 The Court also notes that the parties failed to file a joint status report on the most recent  
24 deadline, April 30, 2025, as previously ordered by the Honorable District Judge Richard F.  
25 Boulware, II. (ECF No. 11). For clarity, the Court orders a new deadline for the next joint status  
26 report. Because 99 Cents Only is a corporate litigant, 99 Cents Only must retain new counsel  
27 before filing the next joint status report. If 99 Cents Only cannot retain counsel before the joint  
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1 status report deadline, 99 Cents Only must include an explanation in the joint status report  
2 regarding its efforts to obtain counsel.

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4 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Lew Brandon, Jr., Esq. and Ryan Venci, Esq.'s  
5 motion to withdraw (ECF No. 13) is **granted**. The Clerk of Court is kindly directed to remove  
6 Lew Brandon, Jr., Esq. and Ryan Venci, Esq. as counsel of record and from the electronic service  
7 list for this case.

8 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the parties must file a joint status report updating the  
9 Court on the status of the bankruptcy proceedings on or before **December 5, 2025**. 99 Cents  
10 Only must either file this joint status report through counsel or update the Court within the report  
11 on 99 Cents Only's efforts to retain counsel.

12 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court is kindly directed to place the  
13 address of 99 Cents Only's Chapter 11 Plan Administrator on the docket:

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15 **99 Cents Only Stores, LLC**  
16 c/o Dana Kane, Chief Compliance Officer  
17 META Advisors LLC  
18 Trustee for 99 Cents Only Stores, LLC  
19 10100 Santa Monica Boulevard, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
20 Los Angeles, CA 90067-4003

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22 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court is kindly directed to mail this order  
23 to 99 Cents Only Stores LLC through the address listed above.

24 DATED: June 3, 2025

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DANIEL J. ALBREGTS  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE